AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A method for promoting the healing of a wound or fibrotic ~~disorders~~ disorder with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need ~~of~~ thereof an ~~treatment a therapeutically effective~~ amount of a stimulator of Activin sufficient to promote said healing so that said healing with reduced scarring is promoted.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for promoting healing with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an ~~of treatment a therapeutically effective~~ amount of a stimulator of Activin sufficient to promote said healing so that said healing with reduced scarring is promoted.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator is selected from the group consisting of Activin, a fragment of activin, a partially modified form of activin, an inhibitor of metabolism of activin, and a stimulator of synthesis of activin.

23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claims 22 wherein the stimulator comprises a partially modified form of activin having a longer half-life than its parent molecule.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator comprises an agonist of Activin.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator of Activin is administered in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator of Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the reduction of scarring.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein the stimulator of Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the healing of chronic wounds.

28. (New) The method according to claim 22 wherein the stimulator is Activin.